

Inventory Number: HA- 380
Abrahams/Nicholson House
Harford County, Maryland
Susquehanna State Park
C. Mazurek
01/03/00

Capsule Summary

The Abrahams/Nicholson House is located at 622 Stafford Road, in Lapidum, Harford County, Maryland within the boundaries of Susquehanna State Park. This structure dates from the late Nineteenth century and has many of the hallmarks of Victorian architecture such as bay windows, centered gables, and large 1/1 sash windows. This is one of the few remaining survivors of the town of Lapidum which was laid out in 1868 by Conrad Baker Lapidum. This house is scheduled to be razed by the Department of Natural Resources due to the dilapidated condition and lack of adequate heating, electrical, and sewage systems.

Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Survey No. HA-380

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)	
historic Abrahams House	
other Nicholson House	
2. Location	
street & number 622 Stafford Road	not for publication
city, town Lapidum	vicinity
county Harford	
3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addres	ses of <u>all</u> owners)
name Maryland Department of Natural Resources	
street & number Tawes State Office Building, 580 Taylor Avenue	telephone (410) 260-8192
city, town Annapolis	state and zip code Maryland 21401
4. Location of Legal Description	
courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Harford County Courthouse	tax map and parcel
city, town Bel Air	liber and folio GRG 410,556
5. Primary Location of Additional Data	
Individually Listed in the National Register/Maryland Register Contributing Resource in National Register District X Contributing Resource in Local Historic District Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register Recorded by HABS/HAER HSR or Research report at MHT Other:	
6. Classification	
structure both culture site defense religion object domestic socia education trans funerary work government unknown	buildings sites n 1 structures l objects portation 2 Total in progress wn Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory

7. Description		Survey No HA- 380
Condition excellent goodX fair	deteriorated ruins altered	

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Abrahams/Nicholson House is located at 622 Stafford Road, in Lapidum, Harford County, Maryland. This structure is located within Susquehanna State Park, and is situated directly in front of the Susquehanna River and the rear facade is situated next to a rocky hillside that had been excavated to accommodate this house.

This Victorian structure is two stories tall with a full attic, no basement, and a fieldstone foundation. A front porch extends the whole length of the front (east) facade and a two story bay window is located on the south facade. Windows on the first two floors vary between 2/2 sash and 1/1 sash. It is constructed of frame and the exterior is covered with wood cedar shingles that have weathered to a dark brown color. The roof has a large centered gable facing the River with one window located in the gable, which has a distinctive sash construction of three lights on the top, and two lights on the bottom. On the two other gables, on the north and south facades, there are also similar windows located in these which allow a lot of light to enter the interior attic space. Two brick chimneys are on the roof, one centered in the roof and one located on the northern roof end.

The interior on the first floor consists of three separate living areas, a living room, a dining room, and a long galley style kitchen. On the end of the kitchen (north side) is a rectangular storage room. Around these areas the stairway that leads to the second floor is centrally located in the house. The second floor has three bedrooms and a bathroom. Wood floors are located throughout.

Next to the house about 50 feet away to the south of the main house is a one car garage that is covered with the same wood cedar shingles as the main house. The foundation is constructed of rubble stone and there are three paneled doors with windows that face the northern facade of the house.

The house location is crammed onto the site with the front porch (east) with no setback, almost literally on the road. Across the street is the remnants of the Chesapeake and Tidewater Canal, which was filled in with dirt and is now a grassy area abutting the Susquehanna River. The rear of the main house is set into the hillside with a low fieldstone retaining wall on the western edge of the structure. Between the house and the wall is a small fuel tank.

This house is scheduled to be razed due to its dilapidated condition and its inadequate heating, sewage, and electrical systems. The house has not been in the Department of Natural Resources rental program since the early 1990's.

8. Significance			Survey No. HA-380		
Period1600-16991700-1799x1800-18991900-1999	Areas of Significance agriculture archeologyx architecture art commerce communications community planning conservation	Check and justify below ceconomics education engineering entertainment/ recreation ethnic heritage exploration/ settlement	health/medicine industry invention landscape architecture law literature maritime history military	performing arts philosophy politics/government religion science social history transportation other:	
Specific dates		Builder/Architect			
Evaluation for:					
National R	Register Maryland F	Register not eval	luated		

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, and a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance reports, discuss evaluation on a DOE Form - see manual).

- * See the existing Section 8 historic information from the Maryland Inventory Form for Historic Sites Survey from 1979.
- *Additional Information: This house is no longer an active rental property of the Department of Natural Resources, due to the deteriorated conditions of the structure and is scheduled to be torn down.

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__AGRICULTURE

X_ARCHITECTURE

_ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC

_ARCHEULUGY-PREHISTORIC __COMMUNITY PLANNING

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

_LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE

__RELIGION

_SCIENCE

__SCULPTURE __SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN

_THEATER

* TRANSPORTATION _OTHER (SPECIFY)

__MILITARY __MUSIC

__UTERATURE

_LAW

__PHILOSOPHY __POLITICS/GOVERNMENT

X1800-1899 **ACOMMERCE** _1900-__COMMUNICATIONS

_ART

_INDUSTRY

_INVENTION

__CONSERVATION

__ECONOMICS

__EDUCATION

_ENGINEERING

_EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT

SPECIFIC DATES

PERIOD

_1400-1499

__1500-1599

_1700-1799

__PREHISTORIC

699

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Abrahams house is a typical rural Victorian dwelling. This house and the Pugh House (HA381) are the survivors of the small late-19th century community of Lapidum, laid out in 1868 by Conrad Baker Lapidum. Other structures includes the Lapidum Masons' Lodge and School, and the Lapidum Inn, and Lapidum Methodist Church.

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Name Continuation Sheet Number 8 Page 2
HISTORIC CONTEXT:
MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PRESERVATION PLAN DATA
Geographic Organization: Piedmont
Chronological/Developmental Period(s): Industrial/Urban Dominance
Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme(s): Architecture, Landscape Architecture, Community Planning.
Resource Type:
Category: Building
Historic Environment : Village
Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Housing
Known Design Source: Unknown

9.	Major	Bibliogra	phical	References
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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property	Less than 1 acre
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Quadrangle name <u>Aberdeen</u>

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

From the edge of Lapidum road on the east, to the rocky hillside on the west, to the wood frame garage on the south, to the Pugh House on the north.

11. Form Prepared By

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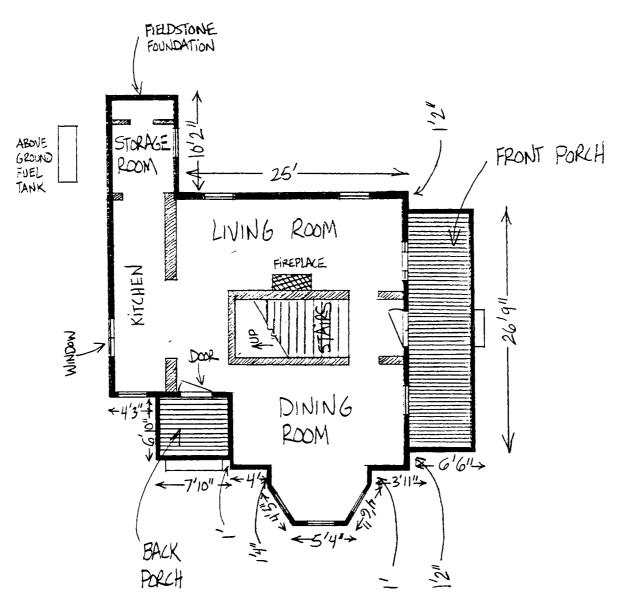
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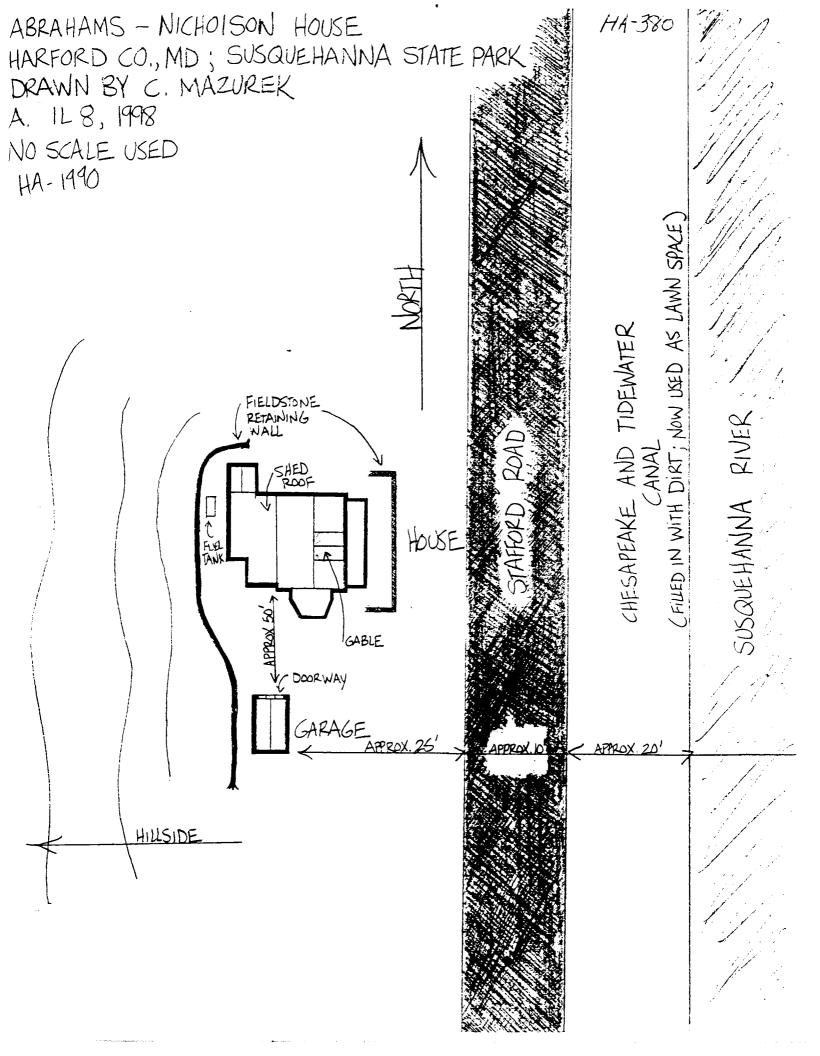
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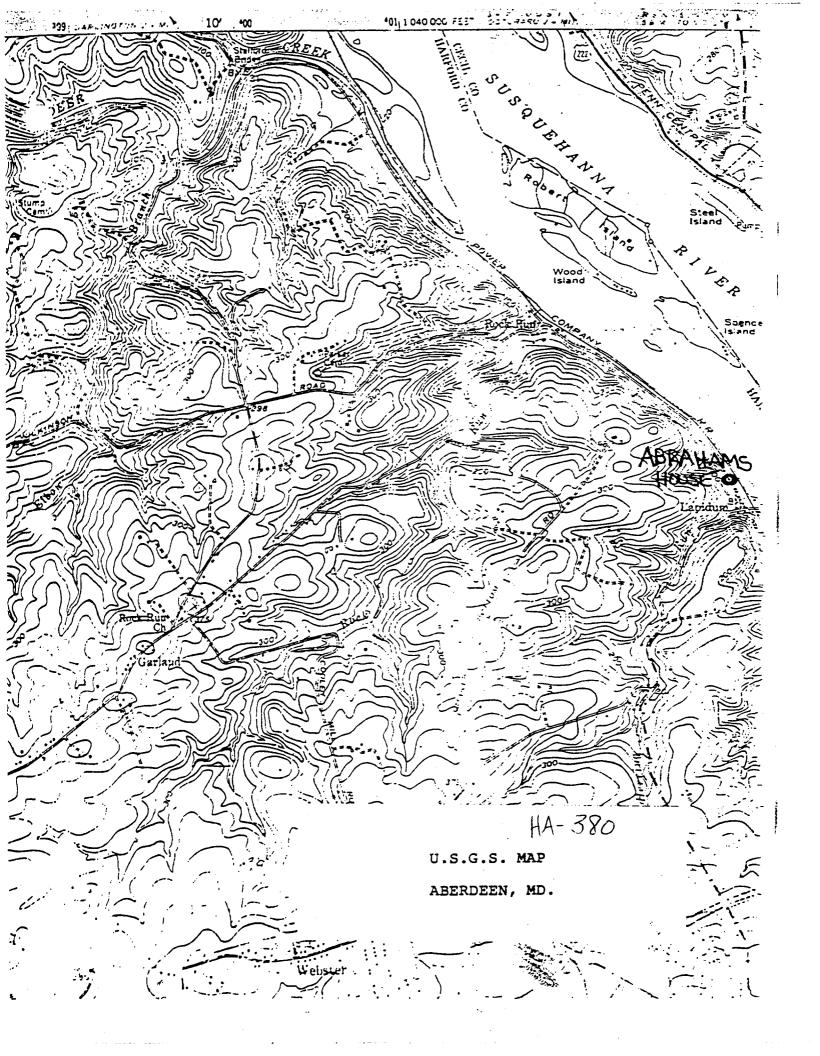
pre		<u>Folio</u>	
RG	410	556	In 1954, Aaron R. Grayce sold James W. Nicholson 3.2 acres in Lapidum.
GRG	394	583	In 1953 Aaron R. Grayce mortgaged from Amos R. Farst 3.2 acres in Lapidum.
GCB	252	h1h	In 1944, Gertrude H. Aument, widow, sold 3.2 acres to Amos R. Farst.
GCB	257	<u>1)</u> †	In 1939, Harriet and William V. Spencer sold the 3.2 acres to to W.L. and Gertrude Aument.
JAR	142	285	In 1913, William V. Spencer sold a thirteen acre plot in Lapidum to his wife, Harriet.
wsf	127	141	In 1909, Philene W. and Joseph L. Knight sold William V. Spencer the thirteen acres, more or less.
WSF	82	106	In 1894, Margaret E. L. Abrahams sold the thirteen acres, more or less, to Philena W. Knight. This deed mentions a burial plot on the premises belonging to Amelia V. Spencer.
WSF	7 9	257	In 1892, Woodward W. Abrahams bought the thirteen acres, more or less, from Robert H. Mitchell, collector of taxes. Woodward was obliged to purchase the land from John Abrahams via a public sale.
WHD ,	10	313	In 1864, William Pinkney Whyte was appointed as a trustee for the tract and sold it to Woodward and John J. Abrahams as tenants in common. The parcel measured ten acres, more or less. The land had been previously owned by a Howes Goldsborough, by then deceased, and in this deed it is also mentioned that there was an old plaster mill on the property.
			Goldsborough acquired the land from three different sources:
HD	Ą	ħ3ħ	L. Charles Willey sold a tract of what was once part of the Land of Promise to Howes Goldsborough in 1823. Isaac Willey had purchased this particular section in 1807 from Samuel Gover, and had left the four acres involved to his son, Charles in 1820.
HD	T	: 3 1 4	Samuel Gover sold the four acres of the Land of Promise to Isaac Willey in 1807. Gover's landholdings have already been discussed.

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6. Classification	

Category district x building(s) structure site object	Ownership _x_ public private both	Current Function agriculture commerce/trade defense domestic education funerary government health care	landscape recreation/ culture religion social transportation work in progress unknown x vacant/not in use	Resource Count Contributing Noncontributing buildings sites structures objects Total Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory
		health care industry	x vacant/not in use other:	

7. Description

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Condition

excellent deteriorated good ruins

X fair altered

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Geographic Organization: Piedmont

Chronological/Developmental Period(s): Industrial/Urban Dominance

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme(s): Architecture, Landscape Architecture, Community Planning.

Resource Type:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Village

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Housing

Known Design Source: None

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. HA -386

10. Geographical Data		
Acreage of surveyed property		
Quadrangle name		Quadrangle scale
Variable and a single		
Verbal boundary description	and justification	
11. Form Prepare	ed By	
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organization Maryland Department of Natural Resources		date 4/98
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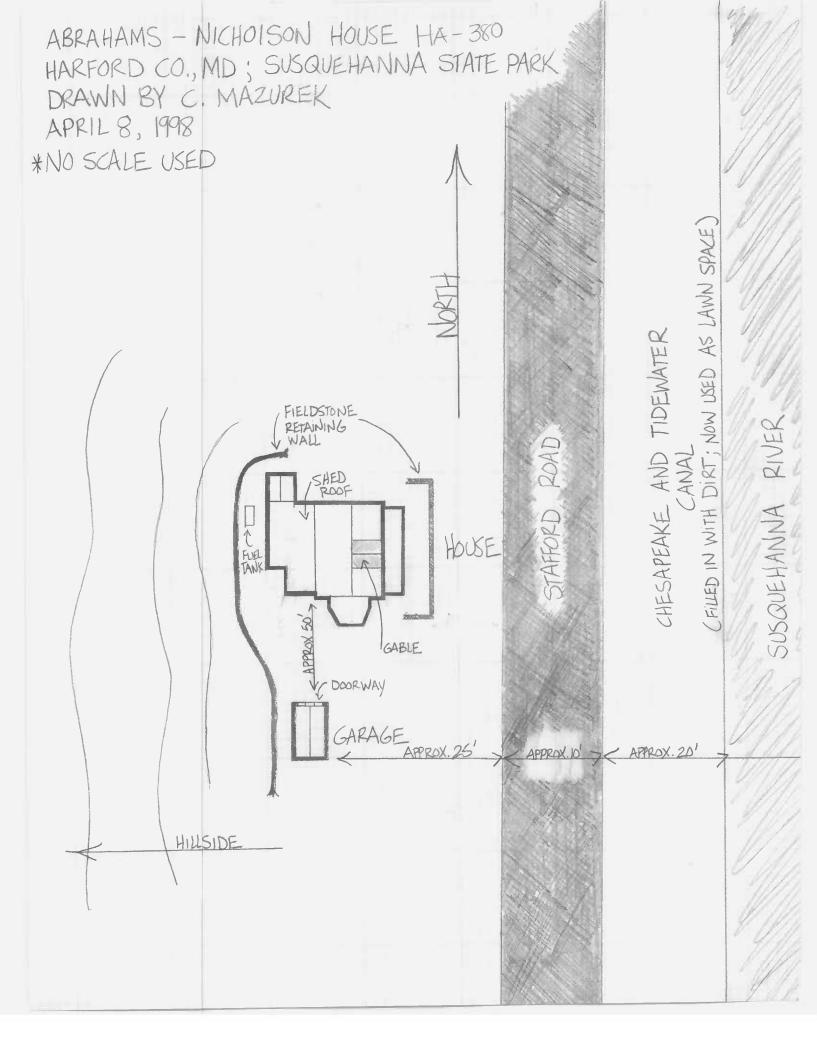
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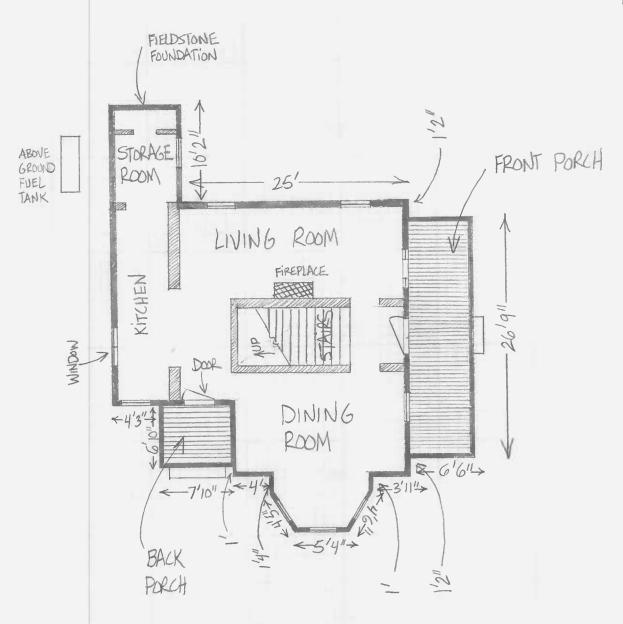
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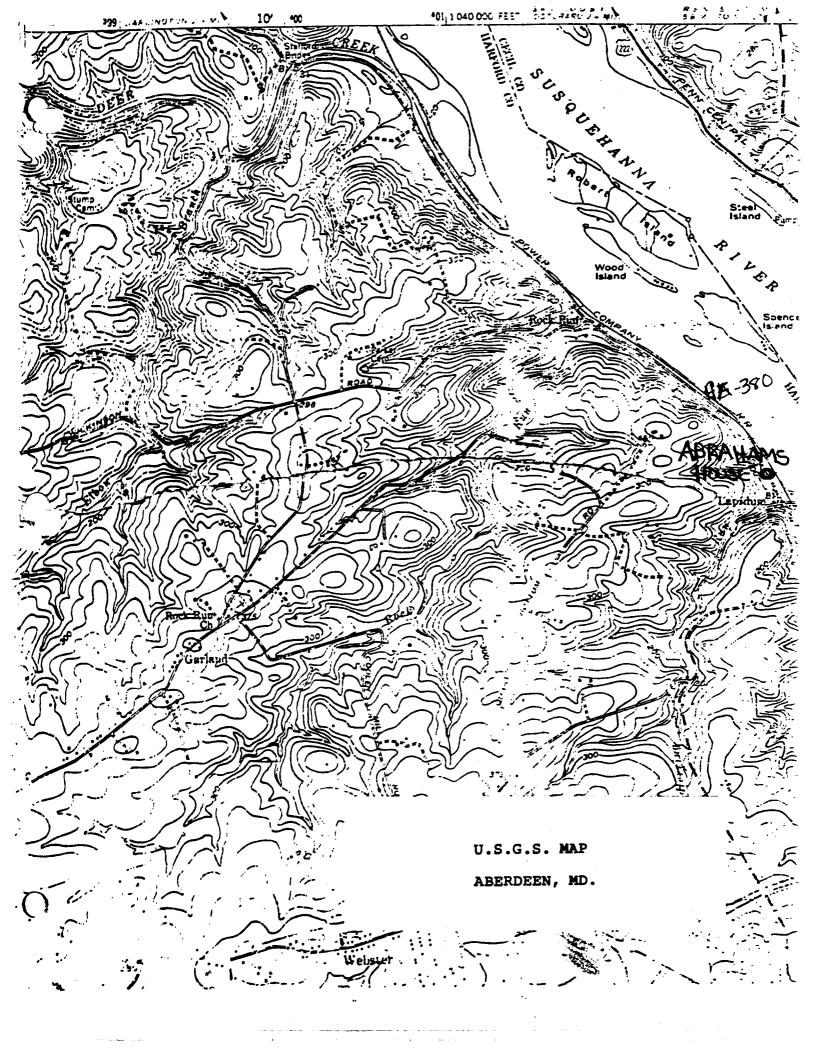
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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME	<u> </u>				
HISTORIC	Abr	ahams House			
AND/OR COI		holson House			
2 LOCA	TION	•			
STREET & NU	UMBER	622 Stafford Road			
CITY, TOWN		Lapidum	_ VICINITY OF	congressional dist First	RICT
STATE		Maryland		COUNTY Harford	
3 CLASS	SIFIC	ATION			<u></u>
CATE	GORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRES	SENT USE
DISTRIC	Т	X_PUBLIC	_XOCCUPIED	AGRICULTURE	MUSEUM
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STRUCT	URE	_вотн	WORK IN PROGRESS	EDUCATIONAL	XPRIVATE RESIDENCE
SITE		PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	ENTERTAINMENT	RELIGIOUS
_OBJECT		IN PROCESS	YES: RESTRICTED	GOVERNMENT	SCIENTIFIC
		BEING CONSIDERED	YES: UNRESTRICTED	INDUSTRIAL	TRANSPORTATION
			X_NO	MILITARY	OTHER:
4 OWNI	ER OF	PROPERTY			
NAME	Depar	tment of Natural Res	ources	Telephone #:	
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CONDITION

CHECK ONE

CHECK ONE

_EXCELLENT

__FAIR

__DETERIORATED
__RUINS
__UNEXPOSED

X_UNALTERED

__ALTERED

X_ORIGINAL SITE
__MOVED DATE_____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Abrahams House, located on the west side of Stafford Road north of its intersection with Herring Run, is a two-storey three bay wide, one bay deep wood-shingled structure dating from the final quarter of the 19th century. A shed-roofed, lower two-storey addition spans the rear (west) facade. A corbel-capped brick chimney is centrally located on the ashalt-shingled gable roof. The house sits on a low field-stone foundation.

The main (east) facade is defined by a central doorway flanked by 2/2 sashed windows on the first storey. Three 2/2 sashed windows mark the corresponding openings of the second storey. All windows have simple wooden surrounds with flush wooden sills. A semi-enclosed half-hipped-roofed porch spans the first storey. A central gable with a multi-paned fixed-sash small window further defines the facade. Plain cornerboards outline the facade.

The north facade is very straight forward:windows with 2/2 sash are centrally located on the first and second storeys as well as a smaller 3/2 fixed sashed window at the attic level. Again, windows possess a simple wooden trim. The south facade however has received a more elaborate treatment. A two storey, tri-partite bay projects from this gable end. Windows with 1/1 sash mark the sides of both storeys. A heavily molded cornice surrounds the addition. A smaller 3/2 fixed sashed window is centrally located at the attic level.

A one storey gable roofed garage also of wood-shingled construction is found to the south of the main structure.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW					
PREHISTORIC	_ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	COMMUNITY PLANNING	LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	RELIGION		
_1400-1499	ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	CONSERVATION	LAW	SCIENCE		
1500-1599	AGRICULTURĘ	ECONOMICS	LITERATURE	SCULPTURE		
_1600-1699	X_ARCHITECTURE	EDUCATION	MILITARY	SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN		
1700-1799	ART	ENGINEERING	MUSIC	THEATER		
<u>X</u> 1800-1899	_ XCOMMERCE	EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	PHILOSOPHY	X_TRANSPORTATION		
1900-	COMMUNICATIONS	INDUSTRY	POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	OTHER (SPECIFY)		
		INVENTION				
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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

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LOCATION				
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DISTRICT	PUBLIC	X_OCCUPIED	AGRICULTURE	MUSEUM
BUILDING(S)	X_PRIVATE	UNOCCUPIED	COMMERCIAL	PARK XPRIVATE RESIDE
STRUCTURE	BOTH	WORK IN PROGRESS	EDUCATIONAL	
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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This Victorian structure is $2\frac{1}{2}$ stories tall, with a shed-roofed two-story addition in the rear. This east-facing structure is covered with wood shingles and has a low granite foundation. There is a two-story bay window on the southern end of the house, which is three bays by two. The fairly recent windows are 2 X 2 (1 X 1 in the bays), while the attic windows on the southern and northern gables are 3 X 1. One door is located on the east wall of the house, facing the river, while the other is sited on the south side of the addition. The roof is an asphalt-covered gable flank, with a box cornice and long eaves. The typical high-peaked dormer with a 3 X 1 window in it is located in the center of the roof on the east side. The new brick chimneys are stationed on the ridgeline at the center of the roof. A screened porch encompasses the entire front of the house.

PERIOD

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

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		INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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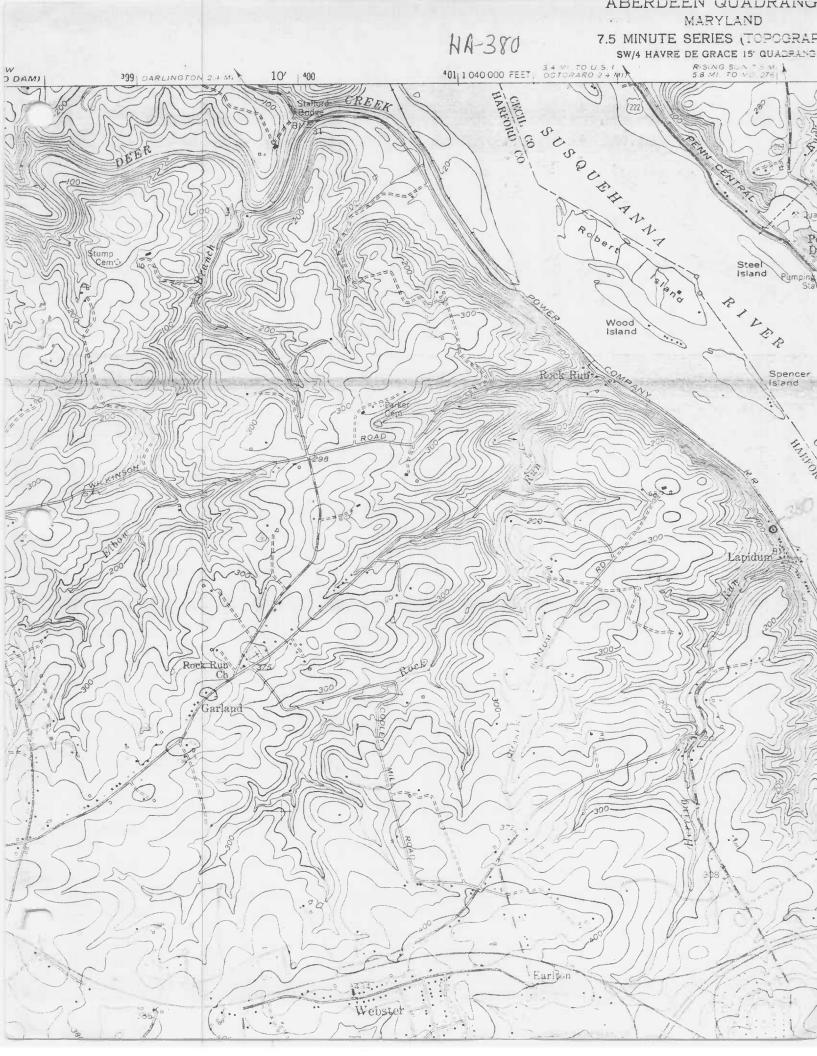
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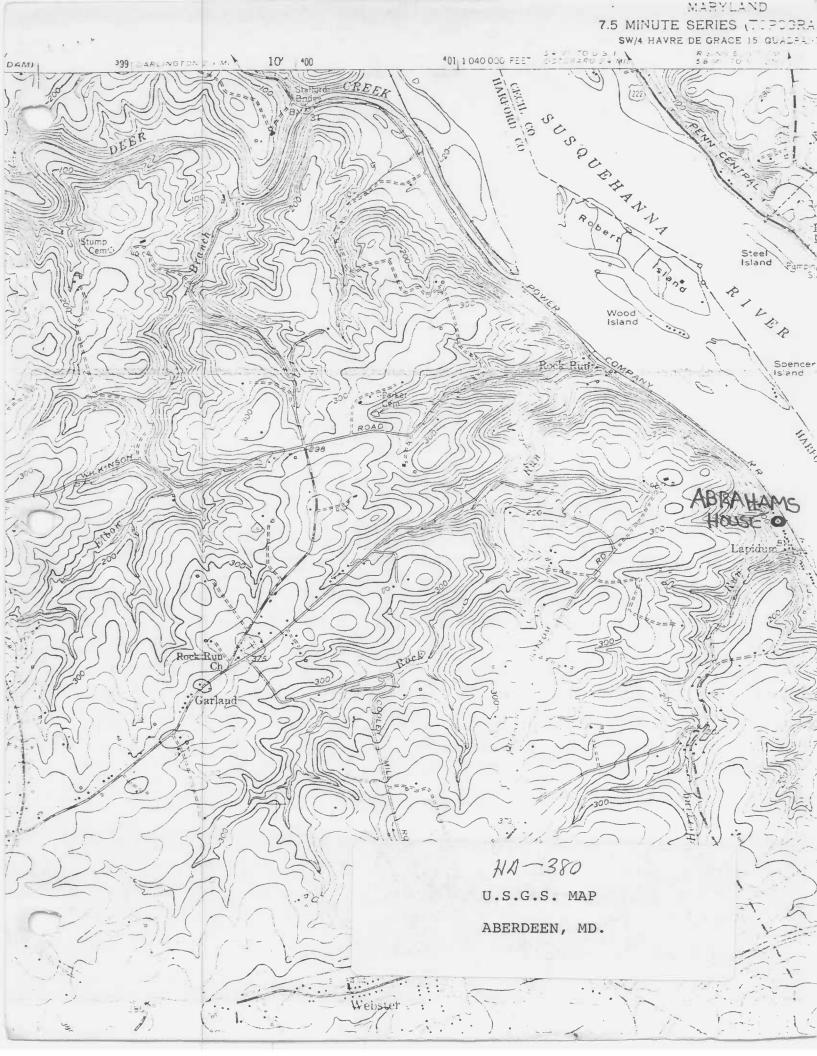
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